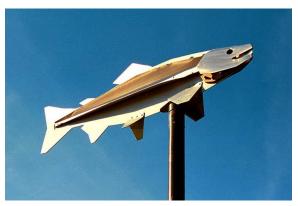
Coho Commute, 1997





Miles A Pepper, artist

As a fish native to the Tualatin River, the Coho is a link to Tualatin as well as a metaphor for the daily commuter who, like the salmon, participates in a regular cycle of travel. Sited at TriMet's Mohawk Park & Ride, Coho Commute consists of nine, four-foot wide, brushed aluminum, fish-shaped weather vanes that rotate freely atop nine 16 feet high poles. The clear powder-coated aluminum finish on the salmon catches the light and flashes to the viewer—similar to a fish in water. Viewed from northbound SW Martinazzi Ave the artwork appears dispersed, though it appears as a tighter grouping or "school" from southbound approaching the intersection of SW Martinazzi Ave and SW Mohawk St. This change in perception is a metaphor for the Park & Ride, where individuals come together to travel.

TriMet's Coho Commute was awarded the Community Enhancement Award for 2019. The Community Enhancement Award recognizes individuals and organizations for their contributions to significant art endeavors and experiences within the Tualatin Community